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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

For 2009~ 2010

Apply by September 4, 2009

The Idaho Department of Lands Urban and Community Forestry program is offering grant funds for the purpose of enhancing transportation corridors in selected communities statewide through tree and shrub planting.

Transportation corridors (highways, railways, trails and airports) are essential to every Idaho community. Our roads, railways and airports impact local, state, national and international users. Every community desires to create a positive impression and enhance the quality of life both for local residents and for those visiting or traveling through the community.

Landscaping at a city's entrance or along primary travel routes within the city helps meet these needs. Trees contribute to the health of individuals, the community and the environment. Plant materials are beneficial in screening unsightly areas or screening and protecting recreational areas, serving as living snow and wind fences, buffering traffic noises, filtering pollutants such as automobile exhaust, and for traffic calming. Studies also show that road resurfacing costs are significantly reduced when shaded by trees.

This grant program is funded by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and administered by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and the Idaho Community Forestry Advisory Council.

Interested cities, counties and tribal governments can apply by going on-line to www.idl.idaho.gov (click on *Community Forestry* and then *CF Grants*).

Note that this is the only grant program (other than Arbor Day) that will be offered for 2009-2010. If you wish for assistance with development of your project and application, please contact the Community Forestry Assistant in your area or IDL.

Good luck on your project.

—Dave Stephenson, Program Manager

CTE Grant Program

Individual Grant Amount ~

Maximum \$30,000

Applicant Cash Match Requirement ~

10% of grant amount
(other federal funds don't qualify for match)

Total Funds Available ~

\$172,000

Who can apply?

Idaho cities, counties & tribal governments

Application Deadline

Postmarked by September 4, 2009

For Grant Application Information

Go On-Line: www.idl.idaho.gov
(click on Community Forestry & CF Grants)

Statewide: Joyce Jowdy ~208-666-8622
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Community Forestry Assistants

South Idaho: Gerry Bates ~ 208-681-5964
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Community Transportation Enhancement Grants ~ Available

Who can apply:

Funds are available to all Idaho cities, counties, and tribal governments having—or interested in developing—a local community forestry program.

Project eligibility:

Projects must be located on public land (federal, state or local government owned) and must enhance transportation corridors. Transportation corridors refer to public streets or highways, trails, parking facilities, railroads and airports.

Types of suitable projects include, but are not limited to:

- Community entry-way plantings / Landscaping around community welcome signs
- Street tree plantings, downtown plantings
- Living snow fences to reduce winter maintenance costs
- Plantings to enhance railroad and airport corridors along public rights-of-way
- Establishing a community arboretum along a transportation corridor

Maximum grant award:

A maximum of \$30,000 will be awarded for any one project. Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. No more than 20% of grant funds can be used for irrigation or other hardscape expenses on a project.

Matching Requirement:

Grant recipients must contribute at least 10% of the grant amount. Matching funds must be in cash (in-kind contributions are encouraged for the project, but do not count toward the local 10% match). Any funding source, except federal funds, is eligible for this match.

Project Design:

All projects must be well planned and designed before being implemented. Proposed projects on state or federal highway rights-of-way should be developed in cooperation with the local highway authority as they must provide written approval of the project. All design plans for proposed projects will be thoroughly reviewed by IDL before being approved for funding.

Project Development and Application Assistance:

A Community Forestry Assistant is available in your area to provide technical assistance to help in the development of enhancement projects and CTE grant applications. Communities are encouraged to contact them early in the process and well before the application submission deadline. Contact information for the Community Forestry Assistants appears on the front of this document.